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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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15 Subject: Information disclosure statement under
37C.F.R. §1.56.

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20 This is an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance
with the duty to disclose information material to patentability
under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The applicant wishes to make of record
the document listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08. It
is respectfully requested that the examiner initials the cited
25 reference on the form and that it be made of record in the
application and that a copy of the initialed form be sent to
the applicant with the next communication from the examiner.

30 Since the IDS is filed before the mailing date of a first
Office action on the merits, consideration of the information
disclosure statement is hereby requested according to 37
C.F.R. §1.97(b). The prior art patent contained in the
information disclosure statement was cited in communications
from the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office on December 19,
35 2002. The applicant sincerely hopes that the examiner can
consider the item contained in the information disclosure

statement.

According to the requirement set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP 609 (Rev.1, Feb. 2000), the applicant is submitting
5 a copy of the cited reference (Taiwan Patent publication No. 356,988, "IMAGE SCANNING DEVICE") and a concise explanation of the relevance in this application hereinafter.

TP publication No. 356,988 teaches an image scanning
10 device which is able to couple with a key TMA (Transparent Media Adapter) 2 and an ADF (Automatic Document Feeder) 3. On a housing 1 of the image scanning device is set a carriage 4, which comprises a pair of outlets 43 to couple with the TMA 2 or the ADF 3.

15 Compared with the prior art cited above, the scanner according to claim 1 of the present application is capable of connecting wirelessly with at least one external device. Users can use a control panel of the external device to remotely
20 control functionality of the scanner and use a display panel of the external device to view responses from the scanner. The present invention scanner therefore reduces a number of wires used, allows for remote control, and offers versatility in operator security and information transfer.

25 TP publication No. 356,988 does not teach or suggest that the image scanning device is capable of connecting wirelessly with at least one external device. It is therefore put forward that TP publication No. 356,988 fails to teach or suggest all
30 limitations disclosed in claim 1 of the present application. A quick correspondence of this communication is sincerely requested.

Sincerely yours,

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